

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: ACHIM

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QUAISER, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/525,708

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Title: ISOLATION AND CLONING OF DNA FROM UNCULTIVATED ORGANISMS

RESPONSE TO FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 10, 2008 (January 10, 2009, fell on a Saturday) in connection with the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

The Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.

The Claims begin at page 3.

The Remarks begin at page 8.